

In the Claims:

- 1.(original) An aqueous hard surface cleaning and/or sanitizing composition which comprises:
an anionic surfactant;
an alkali metal hydroxide;
soap;
solvent selected from alcohol, glycol ether, or mixture thereof; and
water.
- 2.(original) The composition according to claim 1 wherein the surfactant is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 20 wt.%.
- 3.(currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 2~~ wherein the alkali metal hydroxide is present in an amount of from about 0.01 to about 2 wt.%.
4. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ wherein the soap is present in an amount of from about 0 to about 20 wt.%.
5. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~ wherein the solvent is present in an amount of from about 0.1 to about 10 wt.%.
6. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ wherein the solvent is an alcohol or glycol ether.
7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~
wherein the solvent is a mixture of alcohol and glycol ether.
- 9.(original) An aqueous hard surface cleaning and/or sanitizing composition which comprises:
0.01-20 wt.% of an anionic surfactant;
0.01 – 2 wt.% of an alkali metal hydroxide;
0 – 20 wt% soap;
0.1 – 10 wt% of a solvent selected from alcohol, glycol ether, or mixture thereof;
and
water to 100 wt%.
- 10.(original) The composition according to claim 9, further comprising 0.1 – 20 wt% soap.
11. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 10 ~~any one of claims 9 to 10~~,
wherein the solvent is an alcohol.
12. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 10 ~~any one of claims 9 to 11~~
wherein the alcohol is benzyl alcohol.
13. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 10 ~~any one of claims 9 to 10~~
wherein the solvent is a glycol ether.
14. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 10 ~~any one of claims 9 to 11~~
~~and 13~~ wherein the glycol ether is propylene glycol phenyl ether.
15. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 10 ~~any one of claims 9 to 10~~
wherein the solvent is a mixture of alcohol and glycol ether.
16. (canceled)

17. (canceled)

18. (canceled)

19.(original) A process for the sanitization of hard surfaces and articles wherein the presence of bacteria is suspected which comprises the process step of:

contacting the surface with a disinfecting effective amount of a composition according to claim 1 for a sufficient time to sanitize said surface.

20.(original) A process for the sanitization of surfaces and articles wherein the presence of bacteria is suspected which comprises the process step of:

contacting the surface with a disinfecting effective amount of a composition according to claim 9 for a sufficient time to sanitize said surface.

21. (currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1—18~~ characterized in that:

the compositions exhibit germicidal efficacy against Gram positive bacteria on hard surfaces.

22. (currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1—18~~ characterized in that:

the compositions exhibit germicidal efficacy against Gram negative bacteria on hard surfaces.

23. (currently amended) The composition according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1—18~~ characterized in that:

the compositions provide at least a 2 log₁₀ reduction of *Salmonella choleraesuis* using a Biomek assay at a 15 second contact time.

24. (canceled)

25. (currently amended) A composition according to claim 1 ~~any of claims 1—18~~
characterized in that:

the compositions exhibit blooming when diluted in water at a ratio of 1 part of the
composition to 10 to 100 parts of water.